

conducted it issues a hearing decision that—

(1) Is based on all the evidence presented at the hearing and included in the hearing record; and

(2) Contains findings of fact and a statement of reasons.

§ 424.84 Final determination on revocation of right to receive assigned benefits.

(a) *Basis of final determination*—(1) *Final determination without a hearing.* If the supplier or other party does not request a hearing, HCFA's revocation determination becomes final at the end of the period specified in the notice of revocation.

(2) *Final determination following a hearing.* If there is a hearing, the hearing decision constitutes HCFA's final determination.

(b) *Notice of final determination.* HCFA sends the supplier or other party a written notice of the final determination and, if there was a hearing, includes a copy of the hearing decision.

(c) *Application of the final determination*—(1) A final determination not to revoke is the final administrative decision by HCFA on the matter.

(2) A final determination to revoke remains in effect until HCFA finds that the reason for the revocation has been removed and that there is reasonable assurance that it will not recur.

(d) *Effect of revocation when supplier or other party has a financial interest in another entity.* Revocation of the party's right to accept assignment also applies to any corporation, partnership, or other entity in which the party, directly or indirectly, has or acquires all or all but a nominal part of the financial interest.

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§ 424.86 Prohibition of assignment of claims by beneficiaries.

(a) *Basic prohibition.* Except as specified in paragraph (b) of this section, Medicare does not pay amounts that are due a beneficiary under § 424.53 to any other person under assignment, power of attorney, or any other direct payment arrangement.

(b) *Exceptions*—(1) *Payment to a government agency or entity.* Subject to the requirements of the Assignment of Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3727), Medicare may pay a government agency or entity under an assignment by a beneficiary (or by the beneficiary's legal guardian or representative payee).

(2) *Payment under an assignment established by court order.* Medicare may pay under an assignment established by, or in accordance with, a court order if the assignment meets the conditions set forth in § 424.90.

§ 424.90 Court ordered assignments: Conditions and limitations.

(a) *Conditions for acceptance.* An assignment or reassignment established by or in accordance with a court order is effective for Medicare payments only if—

(1) Someone files a certified copy of the court order and of the executed assignment or reassignment (if it was necessary to execute one) with the intermediary or carrier responsible for processing the claim; and

(2) The assignment or reassignment—

(i) Applies to all Medicare benefits payable to a particular person or entity during a specified or indefinite time period; or

(ii) Specifies a particular amount of money, payable to a particular person or entity by a particular intermediary or carrier.

(b) *Retention of authority to reduce interim payments to providers.* A court-ordered assignment does not preclude the intermediary or carrier from reducing interim payments, as set forth in § 413.64(i) of this chapter, if the provider or assignee is in imminent danger of insolvency or bankruptcy.

(c) *Liability of the parties.* The party that receives payments under a court-ordered assignment or reassignment that meets the conditions of paragraph (a) of this section and the party that would have received payment if the court order had not been issued are jointly and severally responsible for any Medicare overpayment to the former.